

## House Resolution 780

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Dukes of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending United States Attorney General Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr.; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr., made history when he was sworn  
4 in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States, becoming the first African American  
5 Attorney General; and

6 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking and monumental moment was made possible through Mr.  
7 Holder's nomination by President Barack Obama; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Mr. Holder was educated in the public school  
9 system, graduating from Stuyvesant High School, where he earned a Regents Scholarship;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Holder earned a bachelor's degree in American history from Columbia  
12 College in 1973 and a law degree from Columbia University in 1976; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Holder served as a law clerk for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, devoting  
14 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward providing representation and  
15 advocacy for the African American community; and

16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously served with honor and distinction with the  
17 United States Department of Justice's Criminal Division; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Holder was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be an  
19 associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where he earned a  
20 reputation for fair minded and reasoned judicial decisions; and

21 WHEREAS, President William Clinton named Mr. Holder Deputy Attorney General of the  
22 United States in 1997, making him the first African American to hold this prestigious  
23 position; and

24 WHEREAS, his foresight, vision, and leadership skills have earned him the respect of his  
25 colleagues and associates, and his commitment to the judicial system of this nation is worthy  
26 of recognition.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr., on his stellar achievements in  
29 the legal profession, extend their most heartfelt gratitude for his many contributions to the  
30 United States, and congratulate him upon his history making appointment as Attorney  
31 General of the United States.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Eric H. Holder, Jr.